

3d Party Seen Here To Stay

BALTIMORE, Sept. 17 (AP) — The absence of Gov. George Wallace from the general election ballot is helping build the American Party into a genuine national political organization, Thomas Anderson, the party's vice presidential candidate said yesterday.

"Under Wallace you had a strong man at the top, and that was it. It was much more of a one-man show and more of a Southern party," said Anderson, a farm publication publisher.

Talking to reporters at a news conference, Anderson acknowledged that not having Wallace as the presidential nominee is a handicap in attracting both voters and publicity.

"But the other side of the coin is that we do have a national party and it's here to stay, no matter how we do in November," he said.

Anderson was in Maryland yesterday to attend a fund-raising dinner in Baltimore and to meet with the state's American Party leaders.

He said at the news conference that he believes he and John Schmitz, the presidential nominee, have a dual purpose this year, the first of which is to win the presidency, the second to build the party.